

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/729,235  
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Applicant: Roger Thomas  
Group Art Unit: 3725  
Examiner: Shelley Self  
Title: Debris Collection System For A Planer  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination that is concurrently being filed with this Response to the final Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.